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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has proposed to set up a `National Consumer Protection Authority' as reported in the Hindi daily, Dainik Jagran dated December 19, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the said authority is likely to set up;

(d) whether the Planning Commission has identified some companies which are resorting to misleading advertisement for selling their products;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (C): Planning Commission in its Eleventh Plan Document has underlined the need for setting up of a `National Consumer Protection Authority' through enactment of a National Consumer Protection Authority Act. The said authority is intended to deal with deceptive practices including misleading advertisements. Besides, it can fill the gap in legislation that may appear owing to proposed winding up of the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC).

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.